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## **Editorials...**

### **Duxbury Free Library Opening is Cause to Celebrate**

Project Manager Deborah Bornheimer and the Duxbury Board of Library Trustees can be proud this week as the new Duxbury Free Library building is dedicated in ceremonies planned for the entire town this weekend.

After nearly a decade of analysis, planning, town meeting debate and reconstruction efforts, the so-called "jewel on the hill" will serve Duxbury library-goers well through the 21st century at the refurbished and redesigned former Alden Upper School building.

Congratulations to the many who saw this project through to fruition, determined to be the best. Not content with the ordinary, project leaders have researched and seen to it that our library is on the cutting edge in areas from design and interiors to technology plans. From voter and state grant approval, to fundraising, to permitting and on, careful attention to detail has been the hallmark of the project; an effort of love and a gift to the town from a dedicated core group of volunteers and community leaders.

The former library building has served Duxbury since 1909, when Georgianna Wright donated it to the town as a memorial to her son. For 60 years, the library served a rural population of 5,000 in an era when the major function of a library was to circulate volumes of fiction and non-fiction to a public who read for pleasure and self-improvement.

Over the next 20 years, the town's population grew to 14,000 and the library expanded its collection to 80,000 works. Library trustees have since undertaken a collection review and developed a comprehensive process which will grow the library collection to over 120,000 volumes in the next few years.

The whole town is invited to come see their new library this weekend. It is a building which will grow not only in volumes but in its value to the town as a community and a learning center completing the school complex area in grand fashion.